horticulture production in the country, Department has proposed to launch a National Horticulture Mission, National Mission on Bamboo Technology and Micro Irrigation Scheme for promotion of Drip and Sprinkler Irrigation to increase the water use efficiency in dryland areas.

The production of agricultural commodities in a particular year depends on the weather conditions. However, following table gives the foodgrains production achieved during Ninth Plan and Tenth Five Year Plan, Year-wise.

(In Million Tonnes)

Year	Foodgrain Production
1997-1998	192.26
1998-1999	203.61
1999-2000	209.80
2000-2001	196.81
2001-2002	212.85
2002-2003	174.19
2003-2004	212.06
	(As per 4th advance estimate)

Capital formation in agriculture sector

202. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a steady decline in capital formation in agriculture sector in recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years, year-wise;

(c) the reasons, if any, identified for the decline; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to reverse the trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Gross Capital Formation (GCF) in agriculture (excluding allied sectors) did not register steady decline in recent years. In fact, GCF at current prices did not register any decline.

However, analysis of figures of GCF at constant prices during the period 1998-99 to 2002-03 revealed that the GCF declined in one year *i.e.* in 2000-01. The figures of GCF at current and constant prices in agriculture (excluding allied sectors) for latest five years for which data are available are given in the following table:—

Gross Capital Formation in Agriculture (Excluding Allied Sectors)

(Rs. in crore)

Year	At current prices	At constant (1993-94) prices
1998-1999	22864	14895
1999-2000	28152	17304
2000-2001	28210	16906
2001-2002	30365	17328
2002-2003	33508	18657

SOURCE: Central Statistical Organisation.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Subsidy for rabi production

203. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved a scheme for giving subsidy to the farmers in the country to boost production of rabi (Winter) crops for the year 2004-05; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which production of rabi foodgrains is expected to increase as a result thereof, as compared to the production of two previous rabi crops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Agricultural subsidies in India include subsidies on inputs like fertilizer, electricity and irrigation. However, with a view to boost rabi production of 2004-05 the Government have formulated a scheme for giving rewards to States having outstanding performance during rabi season 2004-05.